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## BLUE RIDGE RANGER DISTRICT, Chattahoochee National Forest





















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### CAMPGROUNDS

Campground Name	# of Sites	Open Season	Facilities and Activities	Reservations	Comments	2012 Fees
<b>Boggs Creek Campground</b>	33, 1 group	Currently closed for 2012 due to tornado damage	     	None Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adjacent to the Chestatee WMA</li> <li>• Chemical Toilets</li> <li>• Limit 2 vehicles per single campsite</li> <li>• Limit 4 vehicles per group campsite</li> </ul>	Currently closed due to tornado damage
<b>Cooper Creek Campground</b>	15	<b>YEARLONG</b>  <b>Full Services:</b> 3/16/12 - 11/05/12  <b>Limited Services:</b> 1/1/12 - 3/15/12 11/06/12 - 12/31/12 (no water)	     	None Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adjacent to the Cooper Creek WMA</li> </ul> <b>HIKING TRAILS:</b> Yellow Mtn. Trail 3.6 Miles, Hiking only  Mill Shoals Trail 2.4 Miles, Hiking only	Camping: <b>\$8 to \$10/site/night</b>  Camping- Limited Services: <b>FREE</b>
<b>Deep Hole Campground</b>	8	<b>YEARLONG</b>	     	None Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accessible fishing deck</li> <li>• No potable water</li> </ul> <b>CANOE TRAIL:</b> Toccoa River Canoe Trail 13.8 miles	Camping: <b>\$10 – not waterfront</b> <b>\$12 – waterfront</b>





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<b>DeSoto Falls Campground</b>	24	<b>YEARLONG</b>  <b>Full Services:</b> 3/30/12 - 11/5/12 <b>Limited Services:</b> 1/1/12 – 3/29/12 11/4/12 – 12/31/12 (no restrooms, no water)	       	None Required	•Adjacent to the Chestatee WMA  <u><b>DeSoto Falls Trail</b></u> Hiking only ¼ Mile to Lower Falls; ¾ Mile to Upper Falls	Camping: <b>\$12/site/night</b>  Camping- Limited Services: <b>\$6 /site/night</b>
<b>Dockery Lake Campground</b>	11	<b>Full Services:</b> 3/23/12 - 10/31/12 <b>Limited Services:</b> 11/1/12 -12/31/12 (no restrooms, no water) <b>Closed:</b> 1/1/12 - 3/22/12	       	None Required	•Dockery Lake- Carry down electric motors only; Designated trout waters  •Adjacent to the Chestatee WMA  <u><b>HIKING TRAILS:</b></u> Lakeshore Trail 0.5 mile loop around lake  Dockery Lake Foot Trail 3.0 miles Leads to AT	Camping: <b>\$8.00/site/night</b> Camping- Limited Services: <b>FREE</b>
<b>Frank Gross Campground</b>	8	<b>YEARLONG</b>	   	None Required	•Adjacent to the Blue Ridge WMA	Camping: <b>\$8.00/site/night</b>

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Campground Name	# of Sites	Open Season	Facilities and Activities	Reservations	Comments	2012 Fees
<b>Lake Winfield Scott CAMPGROUND</b>  <i>Area operated under a special use permit by the Cradle of Forestry In America Interpretive Association</i>	31	<b>YEARLONG</b> <b>(North camping loop only)</b>  <b>Full Services:</b> 4/22/12- 11/12/12  <b>Limited Services:</b> 1/1/12 – 4/21/12 11/13/12- 12/31/12 (18 sites in north loop; no water or flush toilet, privy toilet)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Required- South Camping Loop To reserve, call 1-877-444-6777 or go to <a href="http://www.Recreation.gov">www.Recreation.gov</a></li> <li>Not Required- North Camping Loop</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>CAMPING</b>- Suitable for tents, pop-ups &amp; small campers               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 pull-through sites</li> <li>Tent Pads approx. 14' x 14'</li> </ul> </li> <li>Generators allowed but must be off during quiet hours of 10pm to 7am</li> <li>Cold weather could cause an earlier closing date. Call for late season information.</li> <li><b>SWIMMING</b> - No lifeguard on duty at lake; Swim in designated area only</li> <li><b>BOATING</b>- Carry down access at boat ramp; Electric motors only</li> <li><b>FISHING</b>- Fishing OK at night; Fish for catfish, trout, perch, brim and bass</li> <li><b>HIKING TRAILS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slaughter Creek Trail 2.7 mi to Appalachian Trail</li> <li>Jarrard Gap Trail 1.0 mile to Appalachian Trail</li> <li>LWS Foot Trail 0.8 mile around lake</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Camping: <b>Single site: \$15.00</b> <b>Double: site:/\$30.00</b>  Camping- Limited Services: <b>Single site: \$7.50</b> <b>Double site: \$15.00</b> (North loop only)
<b>Lake Winfield Scott GROUP CAMPSITE</b>  <i>Area operated under a special use permit by the Cradle of Forestry In America Interpretive Association</i>	1	4/22/12 - 11/12/12		Required To reserve, call 1-877-444-6777 or go to <a href="http://www.Recreation.gov">www.Recreation.gov</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See above</li> <li>Maximum Occupancy: 25 people and 8 vehicles</li> <li>Cold weather could cause an earlier closing date. Call for late season information.</li> </ul>	Group Campsite: <b>\$40/night plus reservation fee</b>
<b>Lake Winfield Scott CABIN</b>  <i>Area operated under a special use permit by the Cradle of Forestry In America Interpretive Association</i>	1	4/22/12 - 11/12/12		Required To reserve, call 1-877-444-6777 or go to <a href="http://www.Recreation.gov">www.Recreation.gov</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See above</li> <li>Maximum Occupancy: 12 people and 4 vehicles</li> </ul>	Cabin Fees: <b>\$90/night plus reservation fee</b>





















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<b>Morganton Point Campground</b> <i>Area operated under a special use permit by the Cradle of Forestry In America Interpretive Association</i>	44	4/15/12 - 10/31/12	 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Required- Lower Camping Loop (Sites 1-20)  <b>To reserve, call 1-877-444-6777 or go to <a href="http://www.Recreation.gov">www.Recreation.gov</a></b>  <i>(2-day advance notice required)</i> </li> <li>Not Required- Upper Camping Loop &amp; Walk-In Sites</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>CAMPING-</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suitable for tents, pop-ups &amp; small campers</li> <li>Generators allowed but must be off during quiet hours of 10pm to 7am</li> <li><b>NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED</b></li> </ul> </li> <li><b>SWIMMING</b> - No lifeguard on duty at lake; Swim in designated area only</li> <li><b>BOATING-</b> Boat ramp allows access to Blue Ridge Lake</li> </ul>	Camping:  Single Sites: <b>\$15/site/night</b>  Double Site: <b>\$30/site/night</b>
<b>Mulky Campground</b>	11	<b>YEARLONG</b>  <b>Full Services:</b> 3/16/12 - 11/05/12  <b>Limited Services:</b> 1/1/12 - 3/15/12 11/04/12 - 12/31/12 <i>(no water)</i>		None Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adjacent to the Cooper Creek WMA</li> </ul>	Camping: <b>\$6/site/night</b>  Camping- Limited Services: <b>FREE</b>
<b>Toccoa River Sandy Bottoms Campground</b>	4	<b>YEARLONG</b>		None Required	<b>CANOE TRAIL :</b> <i>Toccoa River Canoe Trail</i> <i>13.8 miles</i>	Camping: <b>\$8/site/night</b> Day Use Canoe parking: <b>\$3/vehicle</b>
















## TRAILS

Go to <http://fs.usda.gov/goto/conf/recreation> to see OHV trail status.

Trail System Name	Length	Open Season	Open To	Trailheads/Facilities	Comments	2012 Fees
<b>ASKA Trail System</b>	17 miles	YEARLONG	   	1) <i>Deep Gap Trailhead</i> - Off Aska Road, 4.4 mi. south of Old Hwy. 76  2) <i>Stanley Gap Trailhead</i> - Take Aska Rd. to Stanley Creek Rd.; Trailhead on right  3) <i>Shady Falls Trailhead</i> - Take Aska Rd. to Shady Falls Rd.; Trailhead on left	<i>Combination of single-track &amp; old road beds</i>	<b>FREE</b>
<b>Beasley Knob OHV Trails</b> 	10.8 miles	3/18/12 - 1/2/13 *SUBJECT TO CLOSURE DUE TO WEATHER	   	1) <i>Satterfield Trailhead</i> - Off Hwy 76; Take Windy Hill Road    2) <i>Blue Rock Trailhead</i> - Off Hwy 76; Take Rosemary Drive	<i>No bolted, studded or tire chains allowed.</i> <i>Difficulty = HIGH; Experienced riders only</i>	1-Day Permit: <b>\$5/operator/day</b>  OHV Annual Pass: <b>\$50/operator/year</b>  <i>Forest Annual Pass cannot be used at this trailhead.</i>
<b>Byron Herbert Reece Trail</b>	0.7 mile	YEARLONG	 	<i>Byron Herbert Reece Trailhead</i> - Off State Highway 129/19, just north of Neel's Gap   	<i>Byron Herbert Reece Trail connects to the Appalachian Trail. Limited Parking</i>	<b>FREE</b>
<b>Davenport Mountain OHV Trails</b> 	5.9 miles	3/18/12 - 1/2/13 *SUBJECT TO CLOSURE DUE TO WEATHER	  	<i>Davenport Trailhead</i> - Off State Highway 325, Take Forest Service Road 143	May have closure due to timber operations in 2012.	1-Day Permit: <b>\$5/operator/day</b>  OHV Annual Pass: <b>\$50/operator/year</b>  <i>Forest Annual Pass cannot be used at this trailhead.</i>
<b>Toccoa River Canoe Trail</b>	13.8 miles	YEARLONG		<i>Put-In at Deep Hole; Take-out at Sandy Bottoms</i>		Day use fees at put-in and take-out

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<b>Jake and Bull Mountain Trail System</b>	31 miles	<b>YEARLONG</b> <i>*Trails are no longer within the Blue Ridge WMA</i>	 	1) <i>Jake Mountain Trailhead</i> - Off State Rd 52; Take Nimblewill Church Rd to trailhead on right  (High ties, spurs ONLY) 2) <i>Bull Mountain Trailhead</i> - Off State Rd 52; Take Nimblewill Church Rd to Forest Development Rd 28-1 to Forest Development Road 83; Trailhead at end of road	<i>Keep off trails during wet conditions to reduce resource impacts.</i>	<b>FREE</b>
<b>Sosebee Cove Scenic Area &amp; Trail</b>	.25 mi	<b>YEARLONG</b>	 	<i>Sosebee Cove Pull-Off</i> - Take US Hwy 19/129 to State Road 180, Trailhead on right; Approx. 3 miles	<i>Popular wildflower area</i>	<b>FREE</b>
<b>Springer Mountain Trailhead</b> <i>Appalachian Trail Access</i>		<b>YEARLONG</b>	 	<i>Springer Mountain Trailhead</i> - Along Forest Service Road 42	<i>Springer Mountain is the southern terminus to the Appalachian National Scenic Trail</i>	<b>FREE</b>
<b>Whissenhunt OHV Trails</b> 	12 miles	<b>3/18/12 - 1/2/13</b> <b>*SUBJECT TO CLOSURE DUE TO WEATHER</b>	 	<i>Whissenhunt Trailhead</i> - Off County Road 126 (Camp Wahsega Rd)		1-Day Permit: <b>\$5/operator/day</b>  OHV Annual Pass: <b>\$50/operator/year</b>  <u>Forest</u> Annual Pass cannot be used at this trailhead.
<b>Woody Gap Trailhead</b> <i>Appalachian Trail Access</i>		<b>YEARLONG</b>	 	<i>Woody Gap Trailhead</i> - Along State Road 60; Approx. 3 miles east of Suches, GA 	<i>Provides access to the Appalachian Trail</i>	<b>FREE</b>



























Recreation Site Name	Group Facilities	Open Season	Facilities and Activities	Reservations	Comments	2012 Fees
<b>Brasstown Bald Visitor Information Center</b>  <i>Area operated under a special use permit by The Cradle of Forestry Interpretive Association</i>	Yes	Open DAILY 5/25/12 - 11/11/12  HOURS- 10:00 am - 5:00 pm		None Required	<b>ROAD CLOSURE-</b> Spur 180 (road leading to the Brasstown Bald parking lot) may be closed by GA DOT during inclement winter weather. Call Georgia DOT (706) 896-1913 for more information, or go to <a href="http://www.georgia-navigator.com/closures">http://www.georgia-navigator.com/closures</a>  <b>TRAILS-</b> <b>Brasstown Bald Trail</b> 0.6 Mile, Paved foot trail leading to the VIC  <b>Arkaquah Foot Trail</b> 5.5 Miles, Ends at Track Rock Gap  <b>Jacks Knob Foot Trail</b> 4.5 Miles, Leads to AT  <b>Wagon Train Foot Trail</b> 5.8 Miles, Leads to Wagon Train Road which ends at Young Harris College	Standard Amenity Recreation Fee: <b>\$3/person (16+)</b> <b>Day Use Parking Annual Pass: \$20/person</b>  *Interagency Annual Pass, Senior Pass, & Access Pass accepted  Concessionaire Shuttle: <b>\$3 Per Adult</b> <b>\$2 Ages 3-10</b> <b>Under 2 Free</b> <b>Special Event Shuttle \$5/person</b>  **Interagency Passes cannot be used for the shuttle.  **Shuttle fee subject to change.
<b>Boggs Creek Recreation Area</b>	No	Currently closed for 2012 due to tornado damage		None Required	<i>Park in designated spaces only</i>	Currently closed for 2012 due to tornado damage
<b>Deep Hole Recreation Area</b>	No	YEARLONG		None Required	<i>Accessible fishing deck</i>  <b><u>CANOE TRAIL :</u></b> <i>Toccoa River Canoe Trail</i> <i>13.8 miles</i>  <i>Deep Hole- Put-in</i> <i>Sandy Bottoms- Take-out</i>  <i>5 picnic sites</i>	Canoe Launch/Picnic: \$3/vehicle/day






## DAY USE- Continued




Recreation Site Name	Group Facilities	Open Season	Facilities and Activities	Reservations	Comments	2012 Fees
<b>DeSoto Falls Recreation Area</b>	Yes; Group picnic area	YEARLONG	     	None Required	<i>Adjacent to the Chestatee WMA</i> <i>DeSoto Falls Trail</i> <i>¼ Mile to Lower Falls;</i> <i>¾ Mile to Upper Falls</i>	Picnic Site/Trailhead: \$3/vehicle/day
<b>Dicks Creek Road Corridor</b>	No	<b>YEARLONG</b>  <b>Full Services:</b> 3/16/12 - 11/27/12  <b>Limited Services:</b> 1/1/12 - 3/15/12 11/28/12 - 12/31/12 (no restrooms)	  	None Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Along Dicks Creek, Waters Creek</li> <li>• Within the Chestatee WMA</li> <li>• No Alcoholic Beverages</li> </ul>	<b>FREE</b>
<b>Dockery Lake Recreation Area</b>	Yes; Group picnic area	<b>Full Services:</b> 3/23/12 - 12/31/12 <b>Closed:</b> 1/1/12 - 3/22/12	      	None Required	<i>Dockery Lake- Carry down electric motors only</i> <i>Chestatee WMA;</i> <i>Dockery Lake- designated trout waters</i>  <b>HIKING TRAILS:</b> <b>Lakeshore Trail</b> <i>0.5 mile loop around lake</i>  <b>Dockery Lake Foot Trail</b> <i>3.0 miles</i> <i>Leads to AT</i>	<b>FREE</b>
<b>Helton Creek Falls</b>	No	YEARLONG	 	None Required	<i>Helton Creek Falls Trail</i> <i>0.3 Mile</i> <i>Leads to waterfall</i>	<b>FREE</b>



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Lake Blue Ridge Recreation Area	No	YEARLONG	 	None Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>HIKING</b>- Use paved road system; Approx. 1 mile (old camping loop)</li> <li>• <b>BOATING</b>- Boat access to Blue Ridge Lake</li> </ul>	FREE
Lake Chatuge Recreation Area	No	YEARLONG	 	None Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>HIKING</b>- 1.2 mile paved walking loop, 1 mile Chatuge Trail around lakeshore</li> <li>• <b>BOATING</b>- Boat access to Lake Chatuge</li> </ul>	FREE
<b>Lake Winfield Scott Recreation Area SWIM SITE</b>  <i>Area operated under a special use permit by The Cradle of Forestry Interpretive Association</i>	No	YEARLONG	         	None Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SWIMMING</b>- No lifeguard on duty at lake; Swim in designated area only</li> <li>• <b>BOATING</b>- Carry down access at boat ramp; Electric motors only</li> <li>• <b>FISHING</b>- Fishing OK at night; Fish for catfish, trout, perch, brim and bass</li> </ul> <p><b>HIKING TRAILS:</b>            Slaughter Creek Trail            2.7 mi to Appalachian Trail             Jarrard Gap Trail            1.0 mile to Appalachian Trail             LWS Foot Trail            0.8 mile around lake</p>	Swim Site: \$5/vehicle/day  CFIA Day Use/Boat Launch Annual Pass: \$30/vehicle/year*  *Contact The Cradle of Forestry Interpretive Association at (828) 884-5713 for information regarding CFIA Annual Pass for Swimming, Day Use areas and boat launches at concession areas.
<b>Lake Winfield Scott Recreation Area LARGE PICNIC PAVILION</b>  <i>Area operated under a special use permit by The Cradle of Forestry Interpretive Association</i>	Yes	YEARLONG  <b>Full Services:</b> 4/22/12- 11/7/12  <b>Limited Services:</b> 1/1/12 – 4/21/12 11/8/12- 12/31/12 (no restrooms, no water)	         	Required To reserve, call 1-877-444-6777 or go to www.Recreation.gov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See above</li> <li>• Maximum- 100 people</li> </ul>	Large picnic pavilion: <b>\$75/day plus reservation fee</b>

## DAY USE- Continued

Recreation Site Name	Group Facilities	Open Season	Facilities and Activities	Reservations	Comments	2012 Fees
<b>Lake Winfield Scott Recreation Area</b> <b>SMALL PICNIC PAVILION</b>  <i>Area operated under a special use permit by The Cradle of Forestry Interpretive Association</i>	Yes	<b>YEARLONG</b>  <b>Full Services:</b> 4/22/12 - 11/7/12  <b>Limited Services:</b> 1/1/12 – 4/21/12 11/8/12- 12/31/12 (no restrooms, no water)		Required To reserve, call 1-877-444-6777 or go to <a href="http://www.Recreation.gov">www.Recreation.gov</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•See above</li> <li>•Maximum- 30 people</li> </ul>	Large picnic pavilion: <b>\$35/day plus reservation fee</b>
<b>Lakewood Landing Boat Launch</b>	No	<b>YEARLONG</b>  <i>May close due to lake level</i>		None Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Boat access to Blue Ridge Lake</li> </ul>	Boat Launch: \$5/vehicle/day
<b>Morganton Point Boat Launch</b>  <i>Area operated under a special use permit by The Cradle of Forestry Interpretive Association</i>	No	<b>YEARLONG</b>  <i>May close due to lake level</i>		None Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Boat access to Blue Ridge Lake</li> </ul>	Boat Launch: \$5/vehicle/day  CFIA Day Use/Boat Launch Annual Pass: \$30/vehicle/year*  *Contact The Cradle of Forestry Interpretive Association at (828) 884-5713 for information regarding CFIA Annual Pass for Swimming, Day Use areas and boat launches at concession areas.

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<b>Morganton Point SWIM &amp; PICNIC SITE</b>  <i>Area operated under a special use permit by The Cradle of Forestry Interpretive Association</i>	No	4/15/12 - 10/31/12		None Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Paved Parking</li> <li>•Warm Showers</li> </ul>	Swim & Picnic Site: \$5/vehicle/day  CFIA Day Use/Boat Launch Annual Pass: \$30/vehicle/year*  *Contact The Cradle of Forestry Interpretive Association at 706-455-2167 for information regarding COA Annual Pass for Swimming, Day Use areas and boat launches at concession areas.
<b>Morganton Point PICNIC SHELTER</b>  <i>Area operated under a special use permit by The Cradle of Forestry Interpretive Association</i>	Yes	4/15/12 - 10/31/12		None Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Maximum of 30 people</li> </ul>	Picnic Shelter: \$5/vehicle/day CFIA Day Use/Boat Launch Annual Pass: \$30/vehicle/year*  *Contact The Cradle of Forestry Interpretive Association at (828) 884-5713 for information regarding CFIA Annual Pass for Swimming, Day Use areas and boat launches at concession areas.
<b>Toccoa River Sandy Bottoms Recreation Area</b>	No	YEARLONG		None Required	<b><u>CANOE TRAIL :</u></b> Toccoa River Canoe Trail 13.8 miles  Deep Hole- Put-in Sandy Bottoms- Take-out  Caution: No trespassing on adjacent private land bordering some sections of the Toccoa River	Canoe Launch: \$3/vehicle/day

















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**For more information contact the Blue Ridge Ranger District Office:**  
2042 Highway 515 West  
Blairsville, GA 30512  
Phone: 706-745-6928  
Fax: 706-745-7494  
Office Hours: Generally, Monday thru Friday, 8:00 am-11:30 am and 12:30 pm-4:30 pm. Best to call before arriving.

**To contact The Cradle of Forestry in America Interpretive Association (Concessionaire):**  
**Contact: Judy Doyle/Cindy Bullwinkle**  
**Phone: (828) 884-5713 or visit their website at <http://www.cfaia.org>**

SYMBOL LEGEND

 Camping	 Hiking Trails	 Drinking Water	 Canoe Launch	 Swimming Beach	 Fishing
 Group Camping	 Equestrian Trails	 Garbage Bins/Dumpsters	 Boat Launch	 Picnic Shelter	 Hunting
 Group Picnicking	 Accessible Facilities	 Elevator	 Photography	 Store	 Shuttle
 Sightseeing	 Fire Tower	 Visitor Information	 Dogs on Leash	 Warm Showers	 ATV Trails
 Mountain Bicycle Trails	 Restrooms	 Picnic Sites	 Playground	 Motorbike Trails	 Full-Size 4WD Trails
 Shooting Range	(Flush, Vault, Chemical, Port-a-John)				